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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 432 FORTNIGHTLY Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky

4 boxes. 43 folders. 302 items. 1917-2012. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Fortnightly Club was organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky at a meeting of a small group of local teachers, businessmen and professionals held on 1 March 1917. The purpose of the club was “the investigation and discussion of any subject” at meetings to be held twice a month. Although the original constitution permitted only “light refreshments and smoking” at meetings, in 1919 the club inaugurated a tradition of large dinners, often prepared by members’ wives. The club remains in existence to the present day (2012) and its discussions over the years have covered a wide range of political, philosophical, cultural and humorous topics.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the Fortnightly Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1917 to 2012, with future additions anticipated. The collection consists of five series: Minutes, Yearbooks, Administrative Papers, Financial Records and Miscellaneous. Included in the Minutes series (Series I) is a collection of excerpts demonstrating the humorous exchanges that characterize some of the club discussions (Box 1, Folder 10). There is a ten year gap in the minutes from 1950 to 1959. Included in the Miscellaneous series (Series V) is a history of the club prepared in 1978 (Box 1, Folder 1); a list of topics discussed at club meetings from 1917-1999 (Box 1, Folder 4); programs commemorating various anniversaries of the club (Box 1, Folder 5); and photographs of club members (Box 1, Folder 6).

SHELF LIST

BOX 1		Date(s)	1 item
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
SERIES I MINUTES			
BOX 1	Minutes	1917-1971	35 items
Folder 2	Minutes	1917-1921	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1921-1928	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1928-1933	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1934-1941	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1942-1947	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	1948-1950	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	1959-1965	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	1966-1971	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes – excerpts demonstrating programs, humor and camaraderie	1917-1970	27 items
BOX 2	Minutes	1971-1995	11 items
Folder 1	Minutes	1971-1981	7 items
Folder 2	Minutes	1982-1985	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1986-1992	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1992-1993	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1994-1995	1 item

BOX 3	Minutes	1995-2012	10 items
Folder 1	Minutes	May 11, 1995 – Nov. 6, 1997	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	Nov. 20, 1997 – April 8, 1999	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	April 25, 1999 – Dec. 9, 1999	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	2000	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	2001	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	2002-2004	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	2005-2006	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	2007-2008	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	2009	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes	May 11, 2010- Aug. 9, 2012	1 item
SERIES II	YEARBOOKS		
BOX 1	Yearbooks	1928-2007	76 items
Folder 1	Yearbooks	1928-1929- 1942-1943	12 items
Folder 2	Yearbooks	1943-1944- 1952-1953	10 items
Folder 3	Yearbooks	1953-1954- 1964-1965	12 items
Folder 4	Yearbooks	1965-1966- 1978-1979	14 items

Folder 5	Yearbooks	1979-1980- 2006-2007	28 items
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SERIES III ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS

BOX 1 Administrative Papers 1917-2008 69 items

Folder 1	Constitution and bylaws	1917-2011	5 items
Folder 2	Membership lists	1917-2000	5 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1942-1985	22 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1992- 2008	37 items

SERIES IV FINANCIAL RECORDS

Box 1 Financial Records 1938-1968 16 items

Folder 1	Miscellaneous receipts	1938-1968	15 items
Folder 2	Check register	1956-1957	1 item

SERIES V MISCELLANEOUS

BOX 1 Miscellaneous 1917-2009 84 items

Folder 1	"History of the Fortnightly Club" by Dero Downing	1978	2 items
Folder 2	Miscellaneous history	1992-1998	2 items
Folder 3	"Wives of the Fortnightly Club"	1979	1 item
Folder 4	List of programs	1917-1999	1 item
Folder 5	Anniversary programs	1942-2006	8 items
Folder 6	Photos	1942-2009, n.d.	66 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous	1948-1955, n.d.	4 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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432 Bowling Green, Kentucky

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Clubs – Bowling Green
Societies – Bowling Green

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